

supports over 10 million jobs. Keeping that industry competitive, especially as the Nation comes out of the COVID pandemic, and keeping us on track with meeting our international emissions standards is critical.

NASA's experimental work developing X-planes, in partnership with industry, drives major innovations in aeronautics. Their current work is focused on reducing the noise and emissions of aircraft, developing electronic propulsion, and demonstrating supersonic aircraft that could one day fly over land, among other projects.

Each of these are not incremental changes; they are fundamental changes. I hope that we will move forward on this legislation.

This legislation also requires NASA to continue to collaborate with industry to develop next-generation materials like composites. Composites, lightweight material, are so important, I guarantee you, in the race for aviation, advanced composite manufacturing, and whoever conquers this field best will be the leaders in aviation manufacturing.

The Agency's Advanced Composites Project was a great success in seeking to reduce the time needed to develop

and certify new composites. It would be a loss to the Nation if the Agency were to lose momentum on this important work.

So, as the Presiding Officer can see, I believe this NASA provision that is in the underlying legislation is critical.

The Senate passed this NASA authorization last Congress, only to have it fail to be taken up in the House. It is time that we get this legislation through the entire Congress, that we make this Artemis mission a true priority, with true committed resources, to help us be successful and to be proud sometime in the near future to see that woman standing on the face of the Moon.

I thank the President.
I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY,
JUNE 1, 2021, AT 11:30 A.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order and pursuant to S. Res. 258, the Senate stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:52 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 28, 2021:

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

ANTON GEORGE HAJJAR, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL J. MCCORD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER).

RONALD S. MOULTRIE, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ERIC S. LANDER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.

FOREIGN SERVICE

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALI ABDI AND ENDING WITH MARY ELLEN SMITH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 13, 2021.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ABDULRAZAK MAHAMUDU ABASS AND ENDING WITH ASHLEY B. ZUNG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 13, 2021.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JONATHAN RAPHAEL COHEN AND ENDING WITH ALAINA TEPLITZ, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 13, 2021.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALEXANDER S. ALLEN AND ENDING WITH IVA ZIZA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 27, 2021.